



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL MARK W. "CASPER" ANDERSON

Colonel Mark W. Anderson has been the 188th Fighter Wing Commander since 13 April 2012. He served as the 188th Vice Commander from 7 May 2011 until 12 April 2012. Colonel Anderson now serves as both the Wing Commander and Air Commander for the nearly 1,000 members of the 188th FW, of which over 300 are full-time personnel. In this dual role as Wing Commander and Air Commander, Colonel Anderson oversees all of the 188th Fighter Wing's operations and support functions, as well as manages the full time force of federal technicians, Active Guard and Reserve members and state employees.

The 188th is equipped with A-10C aircraft and conducts Close Air Support (CAS), Forward Air Controller (FAC), and Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) missions.

Colonel Anderson entered the Air Force as a graduate of Louisiana Tech University. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant from Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in October 1986. Colonel Anderson earned his wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas in

November 1987. Upon completion of pilot training, he was assigned to Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina as a Forward Air Controller. At Shaw he flew the OT-37 and OV-10.

In 1991 he was assigned to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona for F-16C training. His first operational F-16 assignment was Misawa Air Base Japan as a member of the 14th Fighter Squadron. In August 1995 Colonel Anderson was re-assigned to the 27th Fighter Wing, Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico as a member of the F-16 conversion team. After Cannon, Colonel Anderson served one-year tours at Abu Suwayr Air Base Egypt and Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. His active duty positions included Flight Commander, Wing Chief of Training, Assistant Director of Operations, and Director of Operations. His active duty rated positions include Functional Check Pilot, Mission Commander, and Instructor Pilot.

Upon separation from the U.S. Air Force in 2000, Colonel Anderson joined the Arkansas Air National Guard's 184th Fighter Squadron, Fort Smith, Arkansas. At Fort Smith he has flown the F-16 and the A-10 and has served as an Instructor Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Pilot, Wing Weapons Officer, 184th



Director of Operations, 184th Squadron Commander, Wing Chief of Safety, and Vice Wing Commander. His additional duties have included Wing Conversion Project Officer, Unit Compliance Inspection Project Officer, and Operational Readiness Inspection Project Officer.

A command pilot, Col. Anderson has more than 4,000 hours military flight time in the T-37, T-38, OV-10, F-16 and A-10. Colonel Anderson is also commercial pilot on a military leave of absence from American Airlines.

EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor of Science in professional aviation, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston La.

1986 Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas.

1994 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)

1997 Masters of Science management, Troy State University, Troy Ala.

2001 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence)

2005 Air War College (correspondence)

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1986 - October 1986, officer candidate, officer training school, Lackland AFB, Texas.

2. November 1986 - May 1987, student pilot, Laughlin AFB, Texas.

3. June 1987 - June 1991, OT-37/OV-10 instructor pilot, Shaw, AFB, S.C.

4. July 1991 - October 1992, F-16C pilot training/mission capable pilot, Luke AFB, Ariz.

5. November 1992 - March 1995, F-16C pilot, Misawa AB, Japan.

6. April 1995 - July 1998, F-16C instructor pilot, Cannon, AFB, N.M.

7. August 1998 - August 1999, F-16C instructor pilot, Abu Suwayr, AB, Egypt.

8. September 1999 - September 2000, F-16C instructor pilot, Shaw AFB, S.C.

9. November 2000 - Present, F-16A/C and A-10A/C examiner pilot, Arkansas Air National Guard, Fort Smith, Ark.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, OV-10, F-16A/C, A-10A/C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Oct 24, 1986

First Lieutenant Oct 24, 1988

Captain Oct 24, 1990

Major July 1, 1998

Lieutenant Colonel Oct 6, 2002

Colonel March 22, 2011

(Current as of 1 September 2013)

